Exim Trade by EOUs

†4361. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the total Exim trade of the country that export oriented industrial units accounted for during the last two years;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned by the above units during the last two years; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that being export-oriented units these are getting many economic concessions from the Government and if so, the total amount of concessions granted to these units during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) Export Oriented Units (EOUs) have accounted for 8.90% and 9.51% of the total exports of the country during the year 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively.

(b) EOUs have earned foreign exchange of Rs. 22,729 crores and Rs. 27,890 crores during the year 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively.

(c) EOUs are mainly entitled for (a) duty free import/local purchase of machinery, raw material, components and consumables etc. required for export production (b) refund of Central Sales Tax paid on the purchases made from domestic market (c) corporate tax holiday for a maximum period of 10 years up to 01.04.2010. These benefits can't be quantified in financial terms.

Funds allocated for setting up industries

†4362. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allocated by Government to set up various industries in the country specially in the rural areas during the last five years;

(b) the district-wise/State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the above amount of money allocated by Government is sufficient for establishing industries in these areas;

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) to (e) Setting up industries at different locations, including rural areas is primarily governed by commercial perception of the entrepreneurs. The Central and State Governments supports the initiatives of the entrepreneurs through some schemes by granting subsidy, concessional loan, etc. Setting up of industries in rural areas is facilitated through schemes like Prime Minister Rojgar Yojna and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) being implemented by Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries. Under REGP, an amount of Rs. 107946.85 lakhs was released as margin money to various States till 31.3.2004.

Effect of Tea Import on Domestic Producers

†4363. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic producers are facing a lot of difficulties due to increase in the import of tea during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to reduce the import of tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Most of the teas imported into the country is for the purpose of re-export. Such imports for re-export increases the price competitiveness of Indian teas in the international market besides catering to the requirements of international buyers. The quantum of tea imported is very small in comparison to domestic production.

Mechanism to study problems of industry

4364. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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